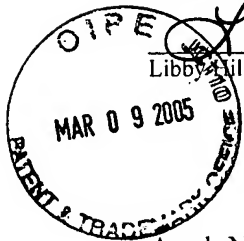


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AMENDMENT

Sir:

In response to the Office Action of December 7, 2004, the shortened statutory period for response to which ends after March 7, 2005, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Specification are on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Abstract are on page 3 of this paper. (A clean copy on a separate page of the Abstract as amended is attached to the end of this paper.)

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the list of claims that begins on page 4 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 10 of this paper.